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More information on the town of Hilversum and the **NOS** can be found on pages 14 & 15.

Important: The entries below are an indication only of what events are planned during the coming months and the information given may not always be accurate and could be subject to change.
For up-to-date accurate information, **always** refer to the larger function advertisements inside this paper or the posters displayed in the clubhouse.

Upcoming Functions in Neerlandia or in other venues as shown:

Sunday 9 October	<u>"DVD Show-De Toppers in Concert"</u>	11.00 am
	Doors open 10.30am	
	Free Entry—Kitchen open for lunch.	
Thursday 13 October	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Sunday 16 October	<u>"Dutch Flea Market"</u>	10.30 am—2.30 pm
	A DACWA/Neerlandia Fundraiser	
	Entry: \$2.00 Gold Coin.	
	More information on loose insert	
Thursday 27 October	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Friday 28 October	<u>"End of Month Drinks"</u>	5.30 pm - 7.30 pm
Tuesday 1 November	<u>"Melbourne Cup Lunch"</u>	10.00 am
	Cost: Members: \$25.00	
	Non-Members: \$30.00	
Sunday 6 November	<u>"Prinsen Bal"</u>	Entertainment starts: 1.00 pm
	Cost: \$12.00	
	Doors open: 11.00 am	
	Music: Gerry van Sambeek	
Thursday 10 November	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Sunday 13 November	<u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u>	11.00 am
	Cost: \$ 7.00	
Sunday 20 November	<u>"Private Member's Party"</u>	
Thursday 24 November	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Sunday 27 November	<u>"St Nicholas Brunch"</u>	10.00 am
	Cost: Adults \$16.00	
	Children \$ 8.00	
Sunday 4 December	<u>"St Nicholas for the Children"</u>	
	Cost: \$ 9.00	
Thursday 8 December	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Break-up Lunch)	Shop open
Saturday 10 December	<u>"DACWA Christmas Lunch"</u>	
	By invitation only	
Wednesday 14 December	<u>"Wednesday Card Club"</u> (Break-up Lunch)	
Sunday 18 December	<u>"Christmas Carols"</u>	
Monday 2 January '12	<u>"New Year's Celebration"</u>	

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Private Members Parties:

For bookings of Private Members Parties or information that is not in this magazine, please phone:
Pieter Leeflang on: 9364 6703 or Lianna Parker on: 0419 181 154
Costs for using our Clubhouse facilities are:
Use of Hall \$275.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Lounge \$100.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Kitchen \$100.00 (Incl. GST)

Dear Members:

I am back at the helm again after a refreshing 7 week holiday and although I felt reluctant to come back to Perth, once here it did not take me very long to get in my regular stride and the holiday seems long gone. Our Annual General



Meeting was held on Sunday the 18th of September and for those members that could not attend the AGM, you will find lots of information and reports on pages 9, 10 and 11 of this magazine.

I think we managed to get the message through to the members that the aging membership is a big concern and that the present committee will not be here forever. That unless we get more of the recent Dutch migrants and expats interested in Neerlandia, as well as greater involvement of the present members, Neerlandia could be in trouble in a few years time.

During General Business many worthwhile suggestions were offered, but as Barry Parker pointed out very forcefully, ideas and suggestions are not enough, as many of the present Committee members are working to capacity and cannot take on a greater workload without running the risk of burning out.

What is needed, he added, is more people on or assisting the Committee, people who are willing to do the hard work and are willing to take responsibility for some of these suggestions.

Moving of the Billiard Table:

The moving of the Billiard table to the main hall was essentially done to free up the lounge.

Instead of 35 people, we can now accommodate up the 50 people in there. Since the move we already have had two successful functions that needed this extra space. I would like to thank the Committee and the members of the "Jeugd van Vroeger" for their understanding and we will fully co-operate with them to make this work.

Anonymous letters:

A few years ago I wrote in this column that anonymous letters that are received will not be tabled at the Committee Meetings and they will get the treatment they deserve: ***"They will be discarded in the rubbish bin"***.

This policy has not changed and it is mentioned here once again for the following reason. We recently have received two anonymous letters.

My advise to those writers is that if you are absolutely certain that all the facts mentioned in your anonymous letter are true, sign your letter and deal with the consequences, whatever they may be. Do not spread hearsay or rumours around and expect that someone else will act on those. So anonymous letter writers, you are wasting your efforts and time.

Functions:

The Father's Day Brunch had to be cancelled as less than 10 people had booked a couple of days before the event. Of course once it was cancelled some people came out of the woodwork with the observation: "We had planned to come as well".

Everyone knows how important it is to make your booking well before the event for catering purposes. Usually someone from the Social Committee does the purchases on Wednesday or Thursday and as these purchases often include cut meats, we cannot just go ahead and order nilly-willy without numbers.

For our Brunches we have the following yardstick. Less than 20 bookings is not financially viable.

Also our Volunteers and Committee Members would rather spend Father's Day with their own families, but do not mind to offer that day up for the benefit of Neerlandia and its members, but only if there is a financial benefit for Neerlandia.

DVD Show - The Toppers. (see page 7 for details)

This DVD show will be shown on Sunday the 9th of October and features the Dutch Toppers, which are 4 well-known Dutch Singers who have formed a quartet. Entry will be free, but please let Ans van Alphen know that you are coming for catering purposes. The doors will open at 10.30 am. Tickets will be sold at the door for Coffee/Tea with Appeltaart and of course for the usual Lunch Snacks.

We have done it this way so that you can have coffee or tea before the show starts and then while you enjoy the first half of the show, the Kitchen staff will prepare the lunches and all you have to do is present your tickets and collect your lunch from the kitchen.

A Dutch Flea Market. (see the loose insert)

This will be held on Sunday the 16th of October. The Kitchen and Bar will be open for your convenience.

Melbourne Cup Lunch. (see page 18 for details)

This will be held on Tuesday the 1st of November. Members can for \$25.00 and Non-Members for \$30.00 enjoy a sit-down three-course meal while watching the Melbourne Cup on the large screen. Sweepstakes as well.

Prinsen Ball. (see page 8 for details)

Do not miss the Prinsen Ball organized by the Carnaval's Club The Sandgropers on Sunday the 6th of November.

Pieter Leeftang,
Your President

GET WELL SOON



To those members who are not feeling too well, who are ill, injured or who are battling a severe illness, the Neerlandia Committee wish you all the very best and above all, a full and speedy recovery.



Laughter is still the best medicine



The old Dog and the young Panther:

One day an old German Shepherd was chasing rabbits and before long, discovered he was lost. Wandering about, he noticed a young panther rapidly heading in his direction with the intention of having lunch. The old German Shepherd thought: "Uh, oh! I'm in deep trouble now!"

Noticing some bones on the ground close by, he immediately settled down to chew on the bones with his back to the approaching cat. Just as the panther was about to leap, the old German Shepherd exclaimed loudly:

"Boy, that was one delicious young panther! I wonder if there are any more around here?"

Hearing this, the young panther halted his attack in mid-strike and slunk away into the trees.

"Whew!," said the panther: "That was close! That old German Shepherd nearly had me!"

Meanwhile, a squirrel who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree, figured he could put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the panther. So, off he went.

The squirrel soon caught up with the panther, spilled the beans, and struck a deal for himself with the young panther.

The young panther was furious at being made a fool of and said: "Here, squirrel, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine!"

Now, the old German Shepherd saw the panther coming with the squirrel on his back and thought: "What am I going to do now?" Instead of running, the dog sat down with his back to his attackers, pretending he hadn't seen them yet. Just when they got close enough to hear, the old German Shepherd said: "Where's that squirrel? I sent him off an hour ago to bring me another young panther!"

Moral of this story...

Don't mess with the old dogs. Age and skill will always overcome youth and treachery!

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The Blond who Married a Catholic:

On their honeymoon, the blonde bride slipped into a sexy nightie and with great anticipation, crawled into bed, only to find her new Catholic husband had settled down on the couch.

When she asked him why he was apparently not going to make love to her, he replied: 'It's Lent.'

In tears, she sobbed, 'Well, that is the most ridiculous thing I've ever heard!'

Who did you lend it to, and for how long?'

The Parking Ticket:

Working people frequently ask retired people what they do to make their days interesting.

Well, for example, the other day, Bev my wife and I went into town and visited a shop.

When we came out, there was a cop writing out a parking ticket.

We went up to him and I said, 'Come on, man, how about giving a senior citizen a break?'

He ignored us and continued writing the ticket.

I called him an 'a--hole'. He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn-out tires.

So Bev called him a 's--t head'. He finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first.

Then he started writing more tickets. This went on for about 20 minutes. The more we abused him, the more tickets he wrote.

Just then our bus arrived, and we got on it and went home.

We try to have a little fun each day now that we're retired. It's important at our age.

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The Haircut:

One day a florist went to a barber for a haircut. After the cut, he asked about his bill and the barber replied:

'I cannot accept money from you, I'm doing community service this week.'

The florist was pleased and left the shop.

When the barber went to open his shop the next morning, there was a 'thank you' card and a dozen roses waiting for him at his door.

Later, a cop comes in for a haircut and when he tries to pay his bill, the barber again replied again: 'I cannot accept money from you, I'm doing community service this week.'

The cop was happy and left the shop.

The next morning when the barber went to open up, there was a 'thank you' card and a dozen donuts waiting for him at his door.

Then an MP came in for a haircut and when he went to pay his bill, the barber again replied once again:

'I can not accept money from you. I'm doing community service this week.'

The MP was very happy and left the shop.

The next morning, when the barber went to open up, there were a dozen MP's lined up waiting for a free haircut.

And that, my friends, illustrates the fundamental difference between the citizens of our country and the politicians who run it.

BOTH POLITICIANS AND NAPPIES NEED TO BE CHANGED OFTEN AND FOR THE SAME REASON!

Sunday Klaverjas Drives.

*De laatste Sunday
Klaverjas Drive van
2011 wordt
gehouden op
Zondag 13
November.*



Kosten: \$7.00 per persoon.

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Neerlandia Clubhuis.

De prijzen zijn tegoed bonnen
voor de winkel.

Lunch & Koffie
zijn bij de
toegangsprijs
inbegrepen.

Aanvang 11.00

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KERSEN BRANDEWIJN	\$40.00 PER LITER
MILLWOOD LIQUEUR	\$30.00 per 700 ML
DIKKE ADVocaAT	\$30.00 per 700 ML

AVAILABLE WHEN THE BAR IS OPEN:

DJVV 2nd Thursdays:	10.00 am—2.00 pm
Thursdays Evenings:	7.00 pm—10.30 pm
Organised Functions:	See page 2
Fridays:	10.00 am—1.00 pm

**PRE-ORDERED BOTTLES CAN
ALSO BE COLLECTED WHEN THE
SHOP IS OPEN:**

Every 2nd Tuesday from:
10.00 am—12 noon
Every Wednesday from:
11.00 am—1.00 pm

End of Month Drinks

**The next End of month Drinks will be held on
Friday 28 October and on Friday 25 November.**

**The Clubhouse will be open from 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm
Come along after work for some relaxation, meet up with
old friends or make new ones and enjoy a Dutch beer or a
snack or just a cup of coffee!**

Available from our Kitchen:

**Coffee & Dutch Appeltaart! Broodje Krokot or
Broodje Rookworst! Bitterballen! Chips!**

We will also open the Neerlandia “Winkel”.

Everyone welcome - Everyone welcome - Everyone welcome.

From the Secretary's desk

With the recent holiday period well behind me, it is a pleasure to be back in the familiar routine of being at home. Time has flown and it is virtually unbelievable that I am sitting here writing my page for the October issue of the ever popular Neerlandia Magazine. October – the second month of spring. Have you seen the ducklings in the parks, the green haze of new leaves in the trees and the delightful cherry blossoms in the valley? I hope that you all have the time and the facility to enjoy what is surrounding us.

As I am writing this column, the minutes of this year's Annual General Meeting are next to me and make me look back for a moment. The amount of attendees was again smaller than last year, yet there was enough feedback from the floor to realise that our members are still engaged and involved with the club.

For those members who were not able to attend, we received a heap of ideas and suggestions "from the floor" how to keep the club running, ways to attract new blood, basically, how to prevent the club from dying. Obviously, the suggestions were welcomed as any feedback is a show of interest. However, none of the ideas was new to the committee; it is sheer lack of human resources, time and expertise that prevent the committee from executing what is necessary to attract the new Dutch immigrants.

Electronic communication requires more than a working computer and enthusiasm. As I tried to explain during the AGM, we need the computer skills and expertise of your grandchildren, great-grandchildren, your nephews, nieces or who-ever is willing and able to give us a hand with getting in touch with the world electronically.

On that subject, it is my great pleasure to introduce to you Marieke v.d. Berg, who last Sunday joined the committee for a period of 1 year. Marieke is the young mother of 4 month old Harry and Marieke is currently on maternity leave. Marieke decided to make herself available for the Club and is now setting up a Neerlandia Face Book page. She and her partner are working on a new Neerlandia website. Marieke and myself are looking forward to working together on attracting new blood with new ideas to guarantee a long life for Neerlandia, a club that came together through the tireless efforts of the previous generations.

Because we have so many plans and so little time and human resources to execute the plans, we have started two new columns: "can you help?" and "we want..." Please keep an eye on these columns and contact us if you can help or if you have what we want.

"Adopt a Top" proved to be a great success and a few table tops are still available for adoption. Both Neerlandia & DACWA are looking forward to 16 October when we hope to see you all with your trash and treasures to sell and to buy. All details of the Market Day in this month's issue.

By the time that you read this article, we will have had our September End of Month Drinks, a function that keeps growing in popularity. This get-together is aimed at the

younger Dutch and their children. Thanks to Marieke we now have 2 high chairs in the Club which gives a family friendly touch to the lounge on those last Fridays of the month.

I wish you all a healthy and joyful lead-up to Christmas that is, after all, only 2 months and a bit away!

CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for:

A graphic designer or anyone who has the artistic ability to make a wall drawing.

We are redecorating the smokers' room and the walls are a blank canvas. We have the ideas and the vision – we need you to execute these ideas and visions.

Please contact Marieke on

mariekevandenberg@westnet.com.au or me on:

0419 181 154 to arrange a meeting.

WE WANT:

We are looking for:

Furniture for little people.

Do you have pieces of children's furniture hidden away in the attic or in the back of the shed? We would be very happy if you could assist with the metamorphosis of the smokers' room into a children's paradise.

Please contact Marieke on:

mariekevandenberg@westnet.com.au or me on:

0419 181 154 to arrange pick up or drop off.

SPOT LIGHT ON:

... Carel & Greet Roukens recently celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary in the Hall of the Dutch Clubhouse. As wedding gifts they requested money only. This money was later divided between Neerlandia & DACWA. Both organisations are very grateful for this act of kindness. Thank you very much Carel & Greet.

... Louis James, who saved Neerlandia a lot of money by spending his own. All the way from Rockingham Louis travelled to fix the Neerlandia dishwasher, only to discover that missing parts had to come from Bayswater. So Louis drove to Bayswater and back to Wembley to fix the machine, prior to going back home in Rockingham. Thanks to Louis' dedication, the ladies in the kitchen don't have to do the dishes by hand!

... Thank you Ray Schaafsma for looking after the Magazine. With Pieter Leeftang away on holiday, it was up to Ray to see to the collating, finalisation and distribution of the September issue. And, as always, all went well. Thank you Ray!

**Lianna Parker,
Secretary**

DVD Afternoon

The Toppers



On Sunday the 9th of October we will show the famous Dutch Quartet “The Toppers” performing their 2010 Concert, which was held at the Amsterdam Arena.

FREE ENTRY

Doors open at 10.30.

DVD show starts at 11.30 am

Tickets will be sold at the door for Coffee & Dutch “Appeltaart” and the usual Snacks for Lunch such as “Broodje Rookworst”, “Broodje Kroket”, “Broodje Ham” or “Broodje Kaas”.

Just for Catering purposes, please let Ans know if you are attending, by phoning her:

Ans van Alphen on 9342 6525 (9.00 am-9.00 pm)



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Bring to you their annual

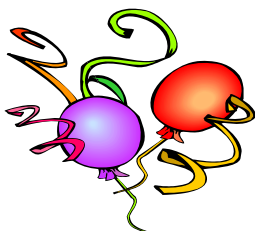


'PRINSEN BAL'



Come & join in the fun.

See our Princess Thea 1st
dethroned after her
12 months of reign.



Music:
Popular Gerry v. Sambeck

The Kitchen will be open:

*All your favourite
Dutch snacks.*

The Bar will be open:

*All your favourite
Dutch drinks.*



Date: Sunday 6th November 2011
Venue: Dutch Club 'Neerlandia'
230 Cambridge Street—WEMBLEY
Time: Doors open at 11am.



Entertainment: begins at 1 pm.

A light lunch of a 'Broodje met Ham' or 'Broodje met Kaas' per person will be provided at the tables at approximately 12 noon.

A farewell drink to Princess Thea will also be provided at the tables.

Bookings: Henny Crijns Tel: 08 94546879

Tickets: \$12 per person (don't forget to ask for your favourite table)
Answering machine available—please leave name & number.



2011 Annual General Meeting

Neerlandia's AGM:

On Sunday the 18th of September our 42nd Annual General Meeting was held at the Neerlandia Clubhouse. Just over 40 members attended the meeting, well above the 25 required, but only 1/10th of the total Membership.



The sitting Neerlandia Committee at the start of the meeting.

President and Treasurer, the sitting members were re-elected.

There were 5 vacancies as Committee Members and only one new nomination had been received. That candidate was elected unopposed as were two sitting Committee Members. That left two unfilled positions.

The President asked for nominations from the floor, but none were forthcoming and the new Committee will have to find candidates for those positions themselves.

After the various reports were dealt with, copies of which are published further on in this article, it was time for the election of Office Bearers.

With no nominations received for



The new Committee: (from l t r) CM- Ad Liebrechts; Secretary-Lianna Parker; CM-Marieke van den Berg; President-Pieter Leeftang; Vice President-Tony Horsten; CM-Louis Marcus; Asst. Treasurer-Henry Koldenhoven; Treasurer-Pieter van Dijk and CM-Henk Haanemaaijer.

President's Report 2010 - 2011

Dear Members,

I am honoured to present to you my Annual Report for the year 2010 - 2011.

Each year it seems to become more difficult to keep our Club operating profitable. Standard items such as Electricity, Gas and Rates are rising continuously. Our aging membership not only has resulted in declining attendance at our regular functions, but our actual membership has declined somewhat for the second year in a row.

Luckily, with some foresight, we did increase the membership fees last year. And also the appeal for donations toward the replacement cost of our Kitchen equipment was very well responded to by the members as well as the various clubs, which was of great assistance.

But all the details regarding our finances will be presented and explained to you when our treasurer Pieter van Dijk will present his financial reports.

Your Committee once again had a difficult year. We started off with a full Committee of eleven people, but during the year that changed.

The resignation of Margaret Baltes, who was our membership officer, was a serious blow. Margaret and her husband Bert had made substantial improvements to our membership database to make it more user friendly. But, we were pleased to see that Ad Liebrechts put up his hand to take on that very difficult task.

Last year we had managed to get a couple of younger Committee Members on board, who wanted to attract younger people to Neerlandia.

But that in itself is a very difficult task, especially when you have a business to run or work fulltime.

Just having ideas and no time to run with those ideas or to bring them to fruition is not what was required. As a result Max van Lieshout and Vicente Roosendaal did resign during the year.

However, we did gain one new Committee Member, Henk Hanemaaijer, who was appointed by us until this

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**Sjaan van der Wiele
Peta Ellis
John Wijnmalen
Collin Heijer
René Stefels
Frances Hart
Jettie Mulder**

2011 Annual General Meeting

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AGM.

During the year all the Committee Members put in a lot of hard work, each one in his or her own specialised field.

For that effort I would like to thank each and every one of them for the support they have given me during the year.

Co-operation with other Dutch organisations, such as Dutch Aged Care and the Dutch Community Radio and ANSWA is continuing, benefitting all.

Of all the clubs that use our premises, I would like to make a special mention of the Dutch Singers, not only did they organise two brilliant concerts during the year, but the entire proceeds of those events went to the Dutch Society Neerlandia.

The Neerlandia magazine continues to be well received. The cost of producing our magazine is substantial, but it is our lifeline with the outside world and especially so for our older members.

However, electronic media is the communication method of the younger generation and we must get better at it. Our magazine is already on our website in full colour and E-mails are being used to contact younger people to inform them of our events.

Computer Training is done on members own laptops these days but the demand is falling off.

Social Events. A new initiative was the introduction of the Melbourne Cup Lunch, which was a huge success. The "End of the Month Drinks", aimed at the more recently arrived Dutch families, is doing very nicely. The idea to open the clubhouse lounge on Friday mornings for Coffee and Snacks was tried but discontinued due to lack of interest. A special thanks-you to the ladies that tried so hard to make it work.

Successful functions held during the year besides those already mentioned were: Sunday Brunches, DVD Afternoons, Mother's Day Brunch, Koninginne Dag, a Craft & Flea Market, Saint Nicholas Brunch, Saint Nicholas for the Children, Christmas Carols, the New Year's Celebration and the Sunday Card Drives. Private Members Parties and Wakes are good business, but they require a lot of work and energy to be put in by only a few people.

Due to lack of support we had to cancel a couple of events during the year and we will most likely cut down on general Brunches next year.

But we will strive to come up with new ideas and initiatives in order to attract our own as well as younger members to our functions.

Our annual Christmas Dinner to reward our hard-working Volunteers was held at a private Restaurant to ensure that all our Volunteers would have a good night out without having to assist with serving food or washing

up afterwards.

Every Friday you will find several Committee Members busy setting up the hall for weekend functions, carrying out preventative maintenance work as well as improvements to our Clubhouse in order to keep it in prime condition.

For this a very big thank-you to those Committee members, who do turn up on Fridays and put in the many hours required.

During the year we did make substantial improvements to the facilities at our club. Some of the more important ones were:

- ... The upgrading of the Lounge has continued to make it more attractive looking.
- ... Dutch Aged Care needed to employ more staff and needed more Office Space. A second office for DACWA was built upstairs. The Neerlandia Office was reduced in size by a small margin to make that possible. We contributed about \$1100.00 towards that work. This outlay will be recouped within 12 month due to the increased rent we receive.
- ... The 6 burner gas stove and the micro wave oven were replaced in the kitchen and a new hot water urn was also purchased. The Dishwasher and Glass Washer were repaired once again and are still going.
- ... Energy efficient globes were installed where possible to reduce the cost of electricity.
- ... A new computer was purchased for the Neerlandia Office which replaced the 10 year old one.
- ... The retaining wall outside the DACWA office was made higher to prevent minor flooding of the building.
- ... 15 new polypropylene trestle tables were purchased and 23 new table tops were obtained for all the tables in the main hall. This will do away with the clumsy table inserts used for functions and possibly the old wooden trestle tables.

Your Committee will continue to make further improvements for the benefit of our members and the following project will need to receive some attention in the near future:

- ... Replacement of the electrical switchboard in the parking area.
- ... Replacement of other aging Kitchen Equipment.
- ... Ongoing improvements to the Lounge, the Entrance Hall and the BBQ area to make it even more attractive.

Earlier in my report I did thank the Neerlandia Committee Members, but now I would like to thank a few others.

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2011 Annual General Meeting

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The Neerlandia Volunteers.

These are the people that do not hold a position on our Committee, but they still put in many, many hours supporting the Committee and Neerlandia would not be able to function without them.

They ensure that areas such as the Kitchen, the Shop, the Bar and the Bookings for our Social Events run smoothly.

I would like to thank each and every one of them for their support they have given this Committee and the Neerlandia members during the year.

Also a big thank you to Jan Maarssen, who became the successor of the late Bram Buying and carried out all electrical maintenance in our Clubhouse.

Thanks to Alex Udinga our Shop Manager, who ensures the shop is well stocked and that bargains are passed on to you the members.

Next I would like to make a special mention of the Committee member, who will not be available for re-election. That is Barry Parker.

I would like to thank him for the valuable contributions he has made while in office.

I must also thank the spouses of the Committee Members and Volunteers. They gave their partners time to carry out their duties. And this of course includes my own wife Joke, whom I thank for her support, assistance and understanding.

I did single out a few names because I thought it was important, but by doing so, some people may feel left out. Let me assure you, even if your name has not been mentioned, you are just as much appreciated.

Finally I would like to finish on a more serious note.

It is my honest opinion Neerlandia is at the crossroads. During the last couple of years this committee has tried to attract younger immigrants and expats into our clubhouse and I feel the results have been a little disappointing.

Our foundation members, who arrived in the 1950's are fast diminishing in numbers and those of us that are still around and capable, are fast running out of time. All the associated clubs are either diminishing in numbers and some have folded altogether.

After today's election of Office Bearers, we will still have unfilled vacancies on our committee and we already have had advance notice that in 12 month time Neerlandia is very likely to lose its President, its Secretary and its Treasurer.

That is a situation and it is critical that we fill these vacancies on our Committee. But we need to fill them, not with seat warmers, but with capable, energetic people, or those that have or can obtain the skills to fill those executive positions. If we cannot do that, Neerlandia could be in serious trouble in 12 month time. This is your club and it is the responsibility of every one

of you to give this situation some serious thoughts.

On this serious note I would like to conclude by thanking you all for the trust you have placed in me.

**Pieter Leeftang,
President**

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Treasurer's Report:

Ladies and gentlemen,

I am pleased to present to you the annual accounts for the financial period July 2010 to June 2011.

It needs to be noted that our fully computerized MYOB system provides us with information that was unavailable before. Stocks and cost control, transfers of stock between bar, shop and kitchen have now been made possible at accurate values. These improvements have resulted in sales to members at the lowest possible margins and competitive prices.

This year's trading account reflects the transfers of stock between bar, bottle sales, shop and promotion expenses. Previously these items were based on estimates.

However these transfers are now reflecting accurate cost figures based on last recorded purchase prices. This change is evident when comparing this year's with last year's net result of Bar, Bottle Sales, Shop and Functions.

Our largest expense item is the production of the magazine, which is our main medium of communication with our members. While it is important to maintain the quality of presentation, the costs of printing and mailing, although tightly controlled, have continued to increase. We must therefore promote advertising and sponsorship of the magazine to offset the overhead of production.

Shop and bottle sales turnovers have been influenced by the decrease of attendance at weekly gatherings and number of functions. Private parties have been financially successful, but have not resulted in more shop sales.

The rise of general utility costs such as power, gas, council rates and taxes are generally beyond our control. Membership of Neerlandia has been stable although some members were lost due to aging or passing away.

On the other hand a new group of members joined due to the end of the month gatherings initiative. This group of people with different interests will be important in order for the club to survive.

We finished this year with a small loss of \$5406, partly due to some changes to the lounge area and other parts of the club premises. However, our financial position remains stable as cash inflows and outflows evened out. In closing I would like to thank my fellow committee member and assistant treasurer Henri Koldenhoven for the help and support he provided during the year.

May I recommend these accounts for your acceptance. Thanking you.

**Peter Van Dijk,
Treasurer**

NEERLANDIA COMPUTER LESSONS

Our computer lessons have started up again and will be conducted by Ad Liebrechts and/or Alf Ukich on Friday mornings in the Club house from 10.00 am– noon.

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Margaret	Baltes
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Bram	Dijkstra
Corrie	Toneman
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Ellen	Broerse
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Ronald	van Dijk
Freda	Hovingh
Bettina	Tonkin
Vickie	Spaans
Maartje	de Vries
Leen	Pleijzier
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Emma	Boekhout
Mieke	Creemers
Kinny	van der Waarden
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Tel: 9279 7383



Neerlandia Card Club News:

On Thursday the 25th August, prizes for the second competition of this year were handed out.

Bolivia:

Mrs Thea Gorter, who acts as score master for the Bolivia Club, decided to allocate the two available prizes as follows:

Table 1 Marijke Mulder, winner of first draw

Table 2 Tilly Stulcbauer, winner second draw

Klaverjassen:

Prize winners of the Klaverjas competition were:

1 st Aat Kievit with a score of	80329
2 nd Herman Gerards with a score of	74668
3 rd Corrie van Rijt with a score of	74477
Average score prize: Nel Bakker	71150
Marsen prize Jenny Kievit with	32 marsen



A special mention should be made of the fact that Aat Kievit achieved a score which is in excess of an average of 5000 over the 16 week long competition. The difference between 1st and 2nd speaks for itself. Since I have been score master of the Klaverjas Club Neerlandia, I do not recall a similar final score of this calibre. Well done Aat and our congratulations. It will now be up to all of us to try and break this record.

The 3rd prize winner, Corrie van Rijt also had most marsen to the tune of 39.

I do have the feeling that this could be another record. Therefor 2 new records set in this particular competition.

The runner up to Corrie Van Rijt was Jenny Kievit with 32 marsen.

The average score for this competition was 71188 and Mrs Nel Bakker came closest with 71150. Congratulations to all winners of this second competition for the year and I wish all competitors in the 3rd and final competition for the year lots of success.

On the 1st of September, all male members of the Neerlandia Card Club received a nice bottle of wine as a fathers' day present, which was greatly appreciated.

As usual Mr A. Udinga was prepared to select the wine on behalf of the fathers.

Thank you Alex.

Murray Koedyk.

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Neerlandia's August Sunday Drive:

The August Klaverjas Drive was held the Sunday the 7th of August and there were 28 players that participated.

On this occasion Lou Marcus was the games organiser.

Competition was fierce as the first two placegetters were less than 100 points apart.

The Prize winners were:

1st prize: Jan Lagerwey	7161 points
2nd prize: Wilma Mitchell	6975 points
3rd Prize: Peter Seegers	6737 points

Congratulations to all.

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The September Sunday Klaverjas Drive:

On Sunday the 10th of September another Sunday Drive was held by the Dutch Society Neerlandia. By this time the Biljard table had been moved out of the Clubhouse Lounge, which means a much cosier atmosphere, more tables and more room around the tables. This was just as well as we had 32 players, who were competing at 8 tables for the available prizes.

The outstanding winner was Gerda Arts, her high score was 413 points more than the runner-up, well done Gerda!

The winners were:

1st: Gerda Arts	7340 points
2nd: Con van der Putten	6927 points
3rd: Henk Heyman	6770 point

The last Sunday Drive of 2011 will be held on Sunday the 13th of November.

Pieter Leeftang.

The Media City of Hilversum

HILVERSUM:



Flag and Coat of Arms

Hilversum is a municipality and a town in the province of North Holland in the Netherlands, located in the region called "t Gooi".

It lies some 30 km south-east of Amsterdam and 20 km north of Utrecht.

The town is often called "media city" since it is the principal centre for radio and television broadcasting in the Netherlands. Radio Netherlands, heard worldwide via shortwave radio since the 1920's, is based here.

HISTORY:

Earthenware found in Hilversum show that the area has been inhabited since at least the early - to mid-Bronze Age, or 800 -1200 BCE. Artefacts from this prehistoric civilization bear similarities to the Wessex Culture of southern Britain and may indicate that the first Hilversum residents emigrated from that area. The first brick settlements formed around 900, but it was not until 1305 that the first official mention of Hilversum ("Hilfersheem" from "Hilvertshem" meaning "houses between the hills") is found. At that point it was a part of Naarden, the oldest town in the Gooi area.

INDEPENDENT STATUS:

Farming, raising sheep and some wool manufacturing were the means of life for the "Gooi" in the Middle Ages. In 1424, on March 21 at 6:30 AM (The hour at which people got up, as the farm was full of loud and restless animals) Hilversum received its first official independent status. This made possible further growth in the village because permission from Naarden was no longer needed for new industrial development. The town grew further in the 17th century when the Dutch economy as a whole entered its age of prosperity, and several canals were built connecting it indirectly to Amsterdam.

TEXTILE INDUSTRY:

In 1725 and 1766 large fires destroyed most of the town, levelling parts of the old townhouse and the church next to it. The town overcame these setbacks and the textile industry continued to develop, among other ways by devising a way to weave cows' hair. In the 19th century a substantial textile and tapestry industry emerged, aided by a railway link to Amsterdam in 1874. From that time the town grew quickly with rich commuters from Amsterdam moving in, building themselves large villas in the wooded surroundings and gradually starting to live in Hilversum permanently. Despite this growth, Hilversum was never granted city rights so it is still referred to by many locals as "het dorp," or "the village."

For the 1928 Summer Olympics in neighbouring Amsterdam, Hilversum hosted all of the non-jumping equestrian events and the running part of the modern pentathlon event.



Aerial Photo: City of Naarden

RADIO HILVERSUM:

The Nederlandse Seintoestellen Fabriek (NSF) company established a professional transmitter and radio factory in Hilversum in the early 1920s, growing into the largest of its kind in the Netherlands and in 1948 being taken over by Philips. By then the textile industry had started its decline; only one factory, Veneta, managed to continue into the 1960s, when it also had to close its doors. Another major industry, the chemical factory IFF, also closed by the end of the 1960s. In the meantime, almost all Dutch radio broadcasting organizations (followed by television broadcasters in the 1950s) established their headquarters in Hilversum and provided a source of continuing economic growth. The concentration of broadcasters in Hilversum has given it its enduring status as the media city for The Netherlands.



RNW Building-Radio Nederland Wereld Omroep

NOS-Netherlands Broadcasting Foundation:

The programmes from the NOS derive from the Dutch Media Act 2008, which stipulates that the NOS makes regular and frequent programming of a public service nature. The Media Decree specifies the type of programming,

which includes daily news reports, parliamentary coverage, sports coverage and national holidays.

The NOS also acts as a co-ordinator for the Dutch public broadcasting system as a whole. In the event of emergencies an/or breaking a major news story, it assumes control of the public networks and co-operates with the other members of the system to provide the coverage.

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The Media City of Hilversum

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TOWN IMPROVEMENTS:



The town of Hilversum has put a great deal of effort into improvements, including a recent renovation to its central train station, thorough renovation of the main shopping centre (Hilvertshof), and development of new dining and retail districts downtown including the "vintage" district in the Leeuwenstraat. Several notable architectural accomplishments include the Institute for Sound and Vision and the largest man-made wildlife crossing in the world, Zanderij Crailoo. (photo left)

In 1964, the population reached a record high - over 103,000 people called Hilversum home. The current population hovers around 84,000. Several factors figure into the decline: one is the fact that the average family nowadays consists of fewer people, so fewer people live in each house; second, the town is virtually unable to expand because all the surrounding lands were sold to the Gooisch Natuurreservaat by city architect W.M. Dudok.

Hilversum was one of the first towns to have a local party of the populist movement called "Leefbaar" (liveable). Founded by former social-democrat party strongman Jan Nagel, it was initially held at bay for alderman positions. In 2001, Nagel from 'Leefbaar Hilversum' teamed up with 'Leefbaar Utrecht' leaders to found a national 'Leefbaar Nederland' party. By strange coincidence, in 2002 the most vocal and controversial Dutch 'Leefbaar Rotterdam' politician Pim Fortuyn was shot and killed by an animal rights activist at Hilversum Media Park just after finishing a radio interview. This happened, however, after a break between Fortuyn and Nagel during a Leefbaar Nederland board meeting in Hilversum on Fortuyn's anti-Islamic viewpoints.



Pim Fortuyn

SOUND AND VISION:



Institute Sound and Vision

The Sound and Vision building is unique in the world. Its coloured glass panel outside with movie screen shots embedded is an ever changing colourful reflection. In the building you realize the size is twice as big, due to the deep 5 stories basement archives of the Dutch media.

The Experience part offers a great daytrip activity in both sound and vision. There are many interactive things you can participate in or just explore your own media preferences. During your visit you can add personal favourites, which will be archived for you and you will be notified by email where to find these.

There are also special activities for small children.

TOWN HALL:

In 1928 W.M. Dudok was appointed municipal architect of Hilversum. Until then he had designed several buildings and objects for Hilversum in his function of director of Municipal Works. The town hall would become his masterpiece, and had been designed by him up to the smallest details, including the furniture and even a chairman's hammer. From 1915 until 1922 several designs were made, of which the final one was finished in 1924. Construction however didn't start until 1927, after several years of uncertainty over whether it would ever be built at all. Dudok finally was given the green light because fellow architects had been pressuring the Hilversum City Council.

The building still has its original function, but a part of it houses the Dudok Centre, which has an exhibition of the man's work.



Town Hall



Hilversum Museum



Langestraat



Shopping Mall



Tulip Inn

Compiled by Lou Dingjan with information from the internet.

Naturalisation Ceremony at Neerlandia

Naturalisation Ceremony:

On Friday the 9th of September Neerlandia was privileged to make the Clubhouse Lounge available for a (Reverse) Naturalisation Ceremony organised by the Dutch Government. The Deputy Consul-General of NSW, Willem de Bruin and the Honorary Consul of WA, Arnold Stroobach conducted the proceedings.

On this occasion there were 10 non-Dutch citizens from WA, accompanied by family and friends, who had successfully applied to obtain the Dutch Nationality.

On arrival everyone was given a cup of Coffee to settle the nerves and then Consul Willem de Bruin explained to the 10 candidates what was

Embassy or in a Dutch Consulate, but in this case the Neerlandia Lounge fulfilled the requirement for a piece of Dutch territory perfectly.

One by one the candidates were asked to come forward and they all successfully read the required declaration in Dutch and were given their relevant paperwork.



Happy smiles all around when a successful candidate received her reward.



Indah Odijk-Purba had no problem reading her declaration in the Dutch language.

involved in the ceremony and explained the duties as well as the benefits of becoming a Dutch Citizen. Each candidate had to read aloud a declaration in the Dutch language before they would be granted their Dutch Nationality.

Normally these ceremonies are held in a Dutch

Arnold Stroobach , the Honorary Dutch Consul



then congratulated all the candidates and thanked he Deputy Consul-General Willem de Bruin for

coming to WA. Also the Dutch Society Neerlandia for hosting this inaugural event and



Some had to be repeat word for word what the Deputy Dutch Consul-General read out.



invited everyone to stay behind and enjoy a second cup of Coffee with some homemade Dutch Appeltaart, which was enjoyed by all.

Pieter Leeftang.

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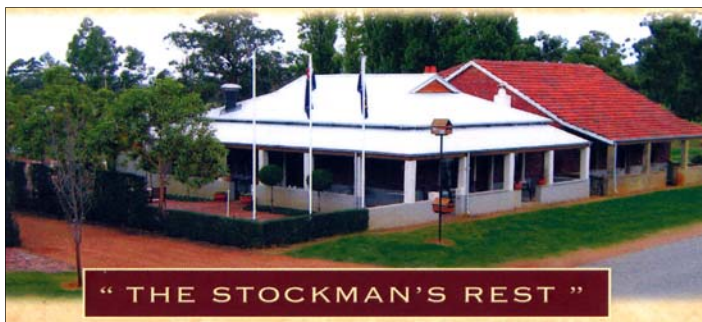
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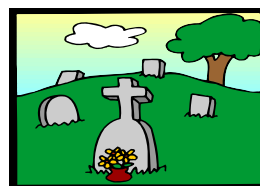
Our sincere condolences to her family from
 the Wednesday Card Club
 and the Dutch Society Neerlandia of WA

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From Republic to a Kingdom (Part 4)

From Republic to a Kingdom. (Part 4 of 5)

The outcome of the National Meeting was to nominate a commission of twenty two members on the 13th of April 1796, who were charged to produce a new Rule of State. And that they did, on the 10th of November they had put together a heavy tome containing eight hundred articles. The main points were as follows:

1. The general internal and external policies of the Batavian Republic would be centralized.
2. There would be one central power being incorporated in two Chambers who's members would be chosen by members of the sub-divisions of the 126 voting districts.
3. The appointed seven persons, mostly called 'Executive Power', who were separate from the Law Making Power.
4. The debt obligations of each Province would be consolidated into one national debt, but each province would be individually assessed on its ability to pay the cost and taxed as such.

Most of these rules were rejected and it was now necessary to try again for a compromise. So on the 1st of September the erstwhile National Meeting convened again. But while all this was going on, the Republic was still at war with England. This caused enormous damage to the economy, estimated to amount to one hundred and twenty million guilders.

Again, the meeting members were so divided, that the politician Midderich, as the President of the Meeting, together with General Daendels, approached the French Ambassador de la Croix and General Joubert to make an end to this turmoil. A plan was drawn up, the Meeting convened again, then the doors were locked and an standby army unit called in to arrest all dissenters. Replacements were chosen and a new commission of seven persons nominated to draw up a Constitution for the new state, 'The Batavian Republic'. The final outcome was that on the whole, the French model of 1795 was adopted.

Napoleon, being appointed by the Directoire as Commander of all French forces moved to Egypt in 1798 in order to attack the English holdings.

Russia, Turkey and Austria now combined with England against France. General Brune, who was commander of the French forces in Holland, detached 5000 men to Zeeland and ordered General Daendels to reinforce the coastline between The Hague and Den Helder with his 10000 Batavian Republics troops. Russian and English troops combined and with 40000 men they invaded on the 22nd August 1799, close to Den Helder. Orange flags were hung out where the invaders appeared. The Republics twelve battleships were anchored in Texel and ready to fight, but when Admiral Samuel Story saw the English fleet carrying Orange flags, he ordered his captains aboard is flagship. While the captains had left their ships, the crews rebelled and the Dutch fleet was easily overcome by the English. The French rallied however and finally defeated the invading Orange friendly forces near Castricum on the 6th of October. The Prince of Orange could stay a few days in Alkmaar, but had to leave quickly when the French were victorious.

After a few years, a peace treaty on the 27th March 1802 between France and England was signed in Amiens. To the

Republic's joy, all Dutch possessions taken earlier on, were returned to the Republic, except Ceylon. However in 1803 Napoleon declared war on England with the result that England once again took all the Dutch overseas possessions and to make it worse, captured the heavily laden merchant vessels, returning from the Indies, who did not know that the fifth English war had started.

The political situation in Holland was rather unstable, demands on the Dutch were becoming unbearable and the economy was close to collapsing. A new demand from Napoleon was handed to the Dutch Ambassador in Paris, that either they invite his brother Louis to become their king, or the Batavian Republic would be incorporated in the State of France. Not much of a choice, so Louis, the youngest brother of Napoleon, was now elevated to King of Holland. But before he left, Napoleon fare welled him with 'Never stop being a Frenchman'. Louis answered 'I shall reign in Holland, because Your Majesty orders it'.

It did not take long that the new King Louis, who was a cripple, did everything possible to please the Dutch and help solving their many problems.

To get the army and navy into shape again, a national draft was ordered by Napoleon but ignored by Louis. Also a general prohibition was ordered by Napoleon that no English ship could enter any harbour under control of France neither was any French ship allowed to trade with England. King Louis realized that this would ruin Holland completely and did very little to enforce the issue. In return Napoleon called his brother publicly 'The Dutch Smuggler' and positioned French custom officers along the coast to make sure his orders were carried out. When a ship loaded with gunpowder exploded in Leiden on Monday the 12th of January 1807, he hurried to the stricken city to give help. He did the same in 1809 when Zeeland and Gelderland were devastated by floodwaters.

That same year the English bombarded Vlissingen and landed on the island of Walcheren. However by 24 December 1809 they were already driven out by the Dutch under generals Daendels and Dumonceau, both under the supreme command of King Louis.



Napoleon again interfered and relieved his younger brother, who he despised, of the overall military command and instead appointed Jean Baptiste Jules Bernadotte, Prince of Ponto-Corvo. He was not a real prince (being a common lawyer), but recently elevated by Napoleon to this title, as he proved to be very useful to the Emperor. This was the same person who later on became the King of Sweden and

Norway under the name of Carl XIV John (1763-1844). Now on the 21st of November 1809 Napoleon ordered his brother King Louis to France, most probably to tell him that he had lost his job. On arrival in Paris he went to the palace of his mother and not to his estranged wife Queen Hortense. While Louis was in Paris, Napoleon incorporated the island

From Republic to a Kingdom (Part 4)

Walcheren into the French State on the 27th December 1809. Gradually the whole of the Republic was occupied by French army units, which caused King Louis to abdicate on the 1st of July in 1810, and hand over to his young son Napoleon Louis, under the regency of his mother Queen Hortense. This did not suit the Emperor who then simply ordered his sister in law Hortense with her son back to Paris on the 13th of July 1810 and incorporated Holland into France, turning the Dutch into French citizens from then on. Already the next day, seventy two year old General Charles Francois Lebrun arrived in Amsterdam to become the provincial governor. He and his assistants divided the country in nine departments while all government documents were written in French. Also a national draft was promulgated and only one third of the national debt was paid, the rest just cancelled and not recognised anymore. Holland without his colonies and cut off from overseas trade, gradually impoverished. Many beautiful mansions along the Vecht and other places in Holland were demolished to make arable land available to put on crops and feed the people.

Taxes increased dramatically, Holland's whole population, being one million eight hundred thousand people had to pay thirty million guilders tax into the French run treasury. Amsterdam for example with a population of one hundred and ninety thousand people of which one quarter had no work, could not come up with their allotted share of the tax burden. With fifty thousand men as part of the French army and to be kept battle ready, the Dutch were being cleaned out financially. It is no wonder that when Napoleon and his wife the Empress Josephine de Beauharnais visited the new addition to his country in 1811, he was not welcomed enthusiastically and so he left quickly again.

Tsar Alexander I of Russia now aligned his country with England, fearing the threatening might of France. Napoleon on his side reckoned he had to punish the Tsar for his betrayal and ordered his Grand Armee on the 24th of June 1812 to attack Russia. More than half a million soldiers were marching, fifteen thousand of which were Dutch. On the 19th November he was in the outskirts of Moscow and

seventeen year old males as well. He also established a 'Garde d'Honneur' in which young men from wealthy families were being drafted, actually they were hostages, as guarantee against a possible Dutch revolt.

The new army now moved against Prussia in the spring of 1813 and won a few battles near Lutzen and Bautzen. However Austria's Emperor Franz I declared war of France as well, despite the fact that Napoleon's wife was his daughter. More battles follow and finally Napoleon's armies were soundly beaten, followed on the 11th of April 1814 by his total abdication as Emperor of France, and by being banned to Elba.

Anxious French officials and their families who had settled in the Netherlands, after the amalgamation of the country with France, were now packing up and leaving. A number of prominent Dutch families were already busy together to draft a new constitution for the Netherlands. They were Gijsbert Karel van Hogendorp, Adam Frans Baron van der Duyn van Maasdam, Count Leopold van Limburg Stirum and others. Count Leopold managed to get the three hundred strong 'Nationale Garde' company at The Hague on the Orange side and so on the 17th November 1813 they encouraged all to wear an 'Oranje-Cocarde' to show their allegiance to Willem Frederik, the eldest son of Stadtholder Willem V, who's son, the future King Willem II was serving in the English army campaigning in Spain. Four days later van Hogendorp, Baron van der Duyn van Maasdam, invited by Count van Limburg Stirum, supported by the officers of the 300 strong 'Schutterij' in The Hague, appointed themselves the Executive Government of the Netherlands, to hand over to Willem Frederik, Prins of Orange, the future King Willem I, as soon as he would arrive from exile in England.

That happened on the Tuesday 30 November 1813, when Willem Frederik sailed for Holland, escorted by two English warships and landed in Scheveningen that day. They were uncertain times for the Netherlands, as Russia, Prussia and Austria were still negotiating with the defeated French over the future of the country. Many cities, including Amsterdam, did not dare to openly declare themselves for Orange and independence from France for fear of retaliation.

However a small army of five thousand Cossacks, loyal to the Dutch, were marching towards Breda and the fear of these rough and battle hardened soldiers hastened all those undecided to join the Orange banner for independence. Willem Frederik arrived in Amsterdam on the 2nd of December 1813 and was accepted as 'Souverein Vorst' under



King Willem I

the name of King Willem I.

Gerard Woerlee.



Napoleon's defeat in Russia.

actually landed in an ambush, as the Russians fired the city on all sides, burning most of the place down. Without sufficient food in that harsh winter, and the difficulty to fight a harassing Russian army on its home ground, the once Grand Armee had to retreat after five weeks of suffering heavy losses.

On his return in France in 1813, Napoleon immediately set out to form a new army, thereby drafting all available

Challenging puzzles by the Puzzle Wizard

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CODEBREAKER PUZZLE



How to play the Game:

A **Codebreaker** is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet has been replaced by a number, the same number represents the same letter all the time in this puzzle. All you have to do is find out which letter is represented by which number! The codes for only 2 letters are revealed. When you have entered these letters throughout the puzzle, you should have enough information to start guessing your first word and also discover other letters. If you are unsure, use a pencil, then you can always erase mistakes.

The last Codebreaker was not too difficult and once you found the words "Palpable and Syllables", it all fell in place.

Following is the full solution:
A=25; B=21; C=13; D=17; E=8;
F=12; G=9; H=22; I=18; J=16;
K=10; L=26; M=23; N=24;
O=14; P=11; Q=3; R=5; S=4;
T=1; U=2; V=19; W=20; X=7;
Y=16; Z=15.

Sudoku

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers in the boxes to satisfy only one condition: each row, each column and each 3x3 box must contain one each of the digits 1 through 9.

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